

on its conspicuous olive yellow above and bright yellow head and underparts. Earlier, we had an opportunity to observe this species at Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary (Kerala). This is the first record of the yellowbrowed bulbul *Hypsipetes indicus* from the Nalamalla Hills in Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Wildlife Sanctuary, Andhra Pradesh.

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13. TERMITE ATTACK ON NEST MATERIAL LEADING TO DESERTION OF EGGS BY BIRDS

A study was conducted on the nesting success of the birds at Brindavan and its environs, located about 22 km east of Bangalore, Karnataka. One of the factors responsible for the loss of eggs was found to be abandoning of eggs by parents subsequent to termite attack on nests of the singing bush lark *Mirafra cantillans* Blyth, blackbellied finch-lark *Eremopterix grisea* (Scopoli); pied bush chat *Saxicola caprata* (Linn.), and the large pied wagtail, *Motacilla maderaspatensis* Gmelin. In all these birds, the termites destroyed nest material, as a result of which the eggs were buried in the encrusted mud. In the case of the singing bush lark and the large pied wagtail, the nesting parents made an unsuccessful attempt to incubate half exposed eggs, but later abandoned the nests. However, in the case of the blackbellied finch-lark, the parents

continued to incubate the eggs, inspite of the nest material being attacked by termites. The nestlings were present in the nests and were being fed by their parents. Termite attack on nest material leading to desertion of eggs has not been reported earlier.

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